PROCEEDINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY OF REPRESENTATIVE RAIYATS AND MERCHANTS HELD AT MYSORE IN OCTOBER 1903.

MEMORANDUM.

1. The twentieth Assembly of Representative raiyats and merchants was held in the Durbar Hall of the Public Office Buildings at Mysore on Monday the 5th October 1903 and the four days following.

2. The third triennium for which Taluk Members were elected in 1900 under the system inaugurated in 1894 having terminated, a fresh election was made this year for the triennium 1903-05. Out of a full nominal strength of 278, the actual number of Representatives returned was 273 as particularised below:—

Representatives returned by—

68	Taluks including Sub-Taluks...	210
24	Municipalities each representing a population of 5,000 and above ..	37
9	Local Boards	18
8	Associations	8
	Total ...	273

Of these—

7	were Europeans;
13	were Mahomedans, and
253	were Hindus.

Arranged according to occupation—

33	were merchants;
9	were Sowcars;
162	were Land-holders; and
69	belonged to other occupations.

3. The actual attendance on the opening day was 92, the falling off being chiefly due to the recrudescence of plague in the Mysore City.

4. His Highness the Maharaja, for the first time in the history of the Representative Assembly, opened the Proceedings at 12 noon by a short speech in English, of which a Kannada translation was also read immediately after by the Dewan Sir P. N. Krishnamurti, K.C.I.E.

5. There were present the Members of the State Council, the Heads of the various Departments, and other principal officers of the State. The Honorable Col. Sir Donald Robertson, K.C.S.I., Resident in Mysore, and other European guests of His Highness the Maharaja also graced the occasion with their presence.

6. On behalf of the members of the Assembly, Messrs. Amble Annaiya Pandit and Hussan Ali Beg read addresses in Kannada and Hindustani respectively, in response to His Highness the Maharaja's speech; and this was followed by two English addresses: one was read by Mr. O. Scott Skirving on behalf of the Planters, and the other by Mr. Thomas Richards on behalf of the Kolar Mining Board.

7. The Dewan then read the usual annual Address.

8. The Kannada translation of the Dewan's Address was then read by Mr. H. V. Nanjundayya, Secretary to Government, General and Revenue Departments.

9. The discussion of subjects brought forward by the Representatives commenced on Tuesday the 6th October 1903 and concluded on the 9th idem. A brief summary of these subjects and of the replies of Government is printed in this volume.

10. At the close of the Proceedings, on the afternoon of the 9th October, Mr. Sreenivasa Rao expressed the thanks of the Assembly to His Highness the Maharaja and the Dewan for holding the Assembly this year and for the considerate way in which the members were treated and listened to. Mr. Hussain Ali Beg endorsed the previous speaker's sentiments, thanked the Dewan for the special arrangements made for the comforts of the members during their stay in Mysore, and prayed for the long life and prosperity of His Highness the Maharaja, the Dewan and the Councillors, and wished that the Representative Assembly might long continue to flourish under the benign care of His Highness the Maharaja.

11. The Assembly then broke up.

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